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SAUDI ARABIAN F-15 PROGRAM (PEACE SUN)

Program began in 1978 and consists of the following phases:

-- PEACE SUN I LOA for 60 F-15 aircraft, spares and support equipment ($1.586B) was signed by SAG July 78. Amendment 1 for additional spares and new spares concept was signed in Sep 79, raising PEACE SUN I value to $2.012B. Amendment 2 for still more spares and additional spare engines will be tendered May 80 for approximately $500M.

-- PEACE SUN II LOA is for construction and includes facilities to support F-15 aircraft at three bases in Saudi Arabia. Value is $878.9M. LOA was accepted by SAG 10 Feb 80.

-- PEACE SUN III LOA is for F-15 contractor maintenance, training and support services in Saudi Arabia thru Jun 84. LOA for $964M was forwarded to SAG on 5 Nov 79. An amendment for contractor housing ($851M) was tendered to SAG in Dec 79. Neither LOA nor the amendment have yet been accepted by SAG.

-- PEACE SUN IV LOA is for CONUS training for 12 RSAF pilots, 4 USAF TAFT pilots, and 266 RSAF technicians. This LOA for $9.4M has been accepted by SAG. An amendment to include in-country USAF TAFT pilots will be tendered in May 80.

Total value of PEACE SUN case to date is approximately $5.2B (only $2.9B signed as of 29 Apr 80).